

REMARKS

The Patent Office has indicated that claims 38-89, 108-112, 114-123, and 126-128 are allowed. The Patent Office has rejected claim 129, for the reasons asserted in the Office Action. While Applicants do not concede the merits of the rejection of claim 129 as set forth in the Office Action, Applicants have elected to cancel claim 129, solely for the purpose of expediting the patent application process. Applicants reserve the right to pursue claims similar or identical to claim 129 in one or more applications claiming priority to the instant application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application should now be in condition for allowance. A notice to this effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, after this amendment, that the application is not in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicants hereby request any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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